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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 November 2007 and 02 November 2007.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 48-55 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 48-55 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 01 November 2007 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

The amendment filed November 1, 2007 (hereinafter referred to as “the response”) has been entered. Claims 1-3, 5-13, 15, 19-25, 27, 29-33, 35, 37, and 41-44 have been canceled and Claims 48-55 have been newly added.

Accordingly, Claims 48-55 are pending in the instant application.

The objection to the drawings is withdrawn in view of the new drawings filed November 1, 2007.

The objection to Claim 13 is withdrawn in view of the cancellation of the claim.

The rejection of Claims 1-3, 5-11, 13, 15, 19-21, 25, 27, 29-33, 35, 37, 41, and 44, under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement, for including new matter, is withdrawn in view of the cancellation of the claims. The newly added claims do not recite the new matter.

The rejection of Claims 1-3, 5-11, 13, 15, 19-21, 25, 27, 29-33, 35, 37, 41, and 44 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement, is withdrawn in view of the cancellation of the claims. The rejection is not applied to the newly added claims in view of the 37 CFR 1.132 Declaration of Dr. Kraus, filed November 2, 2007. The Declaration has been fully considered and is found to be generally persuasive with regard to the issues it addresses.

The rejection of Claims 1-3, 5-11, 13, 15, 19-21, 25, 27, 29-33, 35, 37, 41, and 44 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement, is withdrawn in view of the cancellation of the claims and further in view of the 37 CFR 1.132 Declaration of Dr. Kraus, filed November 2, 2007.

The rejection of Claims 1-3, 5-11, 13, 15, 19-21, 25, 27, 29-33, 35, 37, 41, and 44 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness, is withdrawn in view of the cancellation of the claims and further in view of the 37 CFR 1.132 Declaration of Dr. Kraus, filed November 2, 2007.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 was filed in this application after appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, but prior to a decision on the appeal. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the appeal has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114 and prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on November 1, 2007 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 48-55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0028510 A1 (Sanberg et al.; published March 7, 2002; filed March 9, 2000), as evidenced by Rosu-Myles et al. (2000, *Stem Cells* 18: 374-381), for reasons of record as applied to the previously pending claims.

The claims are directed to a method of treating a human patient suffering from stroke.

Sanberg et al. (2000) disclose a method for treating stroke by administering umbilical cord blood cells. Claim 39 recites “a method of treating a patient with a neurodegenerative disease comprising administering an effective number of neural cells in umbilical cord blood or a mononuclear fraction thereof to said patient.” Claim 40 specifically recites treating ischemia. Claim 64 recites “a method of treating a patient in need thereof for a neurodegenerative disease other than amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, said method comprising administering an effective amount of human umbilical cord blood or a mononuclear cell fraction thereof to said patient.” Claim 65 specifically recites treating ischemia. The disclosure explicitly contemplates using the method of the invention to treat stroke (paragraphs [0042], [0054], [0065], and paragraphs {0161] through [0233]). The reference discloses significant functional recovery in a rat stroke model (paragraph [0231]).

The reference of Sanberg et al. inherently discloses administration of a cell composition comprising Lin- cells, as recited in the claims, because human cord blood cells inherently comprise Lin- cells, as evidenced by Rosu-Myles et al.

Thus, the claimed invention is disclosed in the prior art.

At pages 14-15 of the response, Applicants allege that Sanberg fails to teach or suggest the administration of isolated CD34+/-, Lin- cells to a patient for the treatment of stroke. However, Sanberg teaches the use of a mononuclear cell fraction isolated from umbilical cord blood and Rosu-Myles et al. provide evidence showing that this cell fraction does contain Lin- cells. Furthermore, there is nothing in the claims requiring a highly purified population of CD34+/-, Lin- cells, such that all other cell types are excluded, and the CD34+/-, Lin- cell composition described in the specification is not disclosed as being a homogeneous cell population, and is therefore understood to comprise a variety of other cell types. Accordingly, the cell composition used by Sanberg does include isolated CD34+/-, Lin- cells.

Conclusion

No claims are allowable.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Paras, can be reached on (571) 272-4517. The central official fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to (571) 272-0547.

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